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The Results Are In... But We're Not Convinced Yet!

Two squads; one dressed in red and gold, the other in white and red. Contesting what? Talent, team spirit, strength of the collective will? Not quite.

It certainly wasn't a league championship or a playoff game but fans at the Alumni / Varsity hockey game held Saturday March 31st witnessed some fine hockey. As the caption indicates, the Varsity squad proved victorious. But rest assured, fellow Alumni, their victory did not come easily and our men did us very proud.

The game was scoreless until Carl Miedema beat Alumni goalkeeper Paul VanderKooy with 4:28 remaining on the clock.

In the second period, Varsity's score was boosted by two with goals from Roger Grootenboer and Rick Schenk. Then, with the final seconds of the second period ticking away, Jim Pot wearing #16 put the puck past the Varsity goaltender to put our men on the scoreboard.

Short shifts were the order of the evening for the Alumni team; a strategy that paid dividends in the third period. Although the University squad once again opened the scoring, our Alumni found the net twice with goals from #19 Mark VanHelden and #14 Don Stelpstra.

Throughout the game, fans

witnessed excellent goaltending by Alumni goaltenders Paul VanderKooy and Phil Dykstra who equally shared time in the Redeemer net. The final score after 3 periods of play was Varsity 6; Alumni 3.

Over 100 fans attended the game at the Carlisle Community Center and everyone thoroughly enjoyed both the game, and the socializing with former classmates both during the game and afterward.

Earlier that day the University's Athletic Director Jane Devos-Kors hosted another Alumni / Varsity competition. This one saw our women competing against the Redeemer Royals women's volleyball team. An excellent crowd was on hand in the Redeemer gymnasium to see two out of three games go to

the Varsity team.

Because of the many positive comments, it is likely that these events will be held annually in the future. Hopefully, we will have enough players from specific years so that we can organize small tournaments pitting Alumni teams from different years against each other.

Finally, on behalf of all the fans, I'd like to thank the players (on both Alumni and Varsity teams) who took time out of their schedules to come and play. Special thanks also to Athletic Director Jane Devos-Kors for her help and advice and to Diane Vyn, Willie Katerburg and Walt Hartholt who officiated. Special mention goes to Mike Hoekstra, Don Stelpstra and Wilma VanSpronsen for organizing the teams. See you all next year!

New Director Appointed!

As you all know, I'll soon be finished my tenure at Redeemer College, and for some time now, Redeemer has been searching for my successor among the ranks of its students and Alumni. Well, the search has ended!

Redeemer College is proud to announce that beginning on May the 14th, Michael Hoekstra, '83 will take over the reigns of the University's

Alumni Association and its flagship publication *Images*. Since graduation, Mike has been working in the retail sector for Idomo Furniture in Hamilton. I'm sure he will bring in a fresh perspective as well as new ideas to Redeemer College. Please write or call Mike to welcome him to the University and let him know how you are doing.

Congratulations Mike!

Ellens appointed Dean of Studies

The Board of Governors of Redeemer College has appointed Dr. Jacob Ellens to the newly created position of Dean of Studies. Dr. Ellens, who will also continue in his position as assistant professor of history, will begin his duties as Dean of Studies on August 1, 1990 for a three-year term. His duties will entail chairing the Academic Standards Committee, administering its mandate, and holding membership on both the Academic and Administrative Councils.

The new Dean holds a Master's and a Doctorate in history from the University of Toronto. Dr. Ellens came on faculty at Redeemer in 1987 from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa where he held a position as assistant professor of history.

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Alumni Phonathon Rings of Success

The LIFT Alumni Phonathon team (Debra VanNoord, Ross Taylor, Chris Schotsman and John Ridder) began the phonathon portion of the Alumni Campaign on Monday, April 23rd.

Here's what happened:

- 98 telephone calls were made
- 47 calls were answered
- 57% of calls answered resulted in a gift
- the average commitment was nearly \$500

"Participation is the key", says Debra VanNoord, Committee Chair. "We are more concerned with their willingness to participate than with the amount of the pledge." "Compared with other universities, the response of Redeemer Alumni is exceptional" according to Campaign Director, Greg Hatton. "The participation of Alumni attending Redeemer College in its pioneer decade is an encouraging sign of support into the next century."

LIFT Campaign Over \$10.1 million

Redeemer College has just announced that its campaign, Leadership Investment For Tomorrow (LIFT), which kicked off last September, is achieving landmark results in raising \$10.1 million in just eight months. Carrying it to over \$10 million is a \$3.7 million contribution from an anonymous donor.

"As the only private Christian undergraduate university in Ontario, our operation depends totally on private support and tuition," said President, Henry R. DeBolster. "Raising this amount is a solid indication of the viability of our university and of the desire of the public to see institutions such as ours thrive in Ontario."

According to President DeBolster, the extraordinary contribution of \$3.7 million will make it possible to address all of the critical needs set forth in its fund-raising program.

The LIFT campaign objectives include funding for a teacher education program, residence expansion, library, scholarships, research, and reduction of capital debt. With the level of success attained so far, the campaign hopes to build its momentum in a serious effort to eliminate the remaining bank debt which presently stands at about \$4 million.

Campaign chairman, Kees Vreugdenhil, an executive with Union Gas in Chatham, believes there is much more potential: "With over \$10 million raised, we've only scratched the surface. There are thousands who feel that a private Christian university is an important need in our pluralistic society."

The broad based campaign is being led by supportive business leaders and regional volunteer leadership teams across Ontario. The campaign will continue for the next several months.

The Editor's Workbench

As you know, one of the questions your Association Board has been discussing is what to do with our Recreation Fund contributions. Once again, my column will focus on this topic.

Previously, I wrote that the Board was considering designating our share of the Recreation Fee money to the College's \$10 million LIFT campaign. More specifically, our share would go toward funding expansion of the College Library - just as students at the College did with their share.

There hasn't been much in the way of feedback from you on this issue so far. Therefore, I'll trust you are basically supportive of the idea.

A new option under consideration by the Board is to take our share of the money

and fund a *perpetual* scholarship. In this case, the money would be transferred to the Redeemer Foundation. It would remain there as an investment, but the interest on that money (say \$10,000 per year) would be used to fund several scholarships for students.

The beauty of this idea is that the benefit lasts as long as we like because it is the *interest* that funds the scholarships, not the *principal*. In addition, Redeemer College would not be adversely affected by this because the Foundation often lends money to the university. Thus, they would not suffer the loss of a cheap source of capital financing for the campus.

All of us know how difficult it is to pay for a Christian university education, even with the benefit of loans,

grants and tax deductions. Because of this, we felt that being able to grant even a few scholarships a year would be a very tangible benefit.

The scholarships would be granted for the duration of the campaign. If Redeemer College is prepared to build a recreation facility at that time, the principal could *still* be used for that purpose, remain where it is, or be used for some other cause.

It is my hope that the Board will come to a decision on the Recreation Fund before the end of June so that our gift to the Campaign will still be timely.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this proposal, feel free to contact me or your Association President, Gerard Kuntz as soon as possible.

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New Alumni!

The class of 1990 numbers some 53 members. Come see them graduate on May 26th at 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Brian Stiller, Executive Director of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

The class of 1990...

Al Bakker
Paul Bakker
Audrey Benjamins
Faith Benschop
Mary Jane Blyleven
Anita Boomsma (Calvin)
Michael Bootsma
Laura Brouwer
Leticia Chan

Kevin DeRaaf
John DeVries
Ken DeVries
Jean Dieleman (Calvin)
Betty Dykerman
Joan Edwards
Jacqueline Eelkema
Jeannette Grasman
Jim Heuving
Greg Hiemstra (Calvin)
Richard Horlings
Julia Jaspers-Fayer (Calvin)
Karen Kaemigh-Koomans
Georgie Kempkes (Calvin)
Michael Koke
Robert Kooy
Al Korvemaker (Calvin)
Greg Linnell
Marie Lokhorst
Mark Luimes
Pamela Marissen (Calvin)
Susan Marko

Carl Miedema
Tetcy Nieuwhof
Wendy Nieuwhof
Diane Nyman
Carinne Oussoren-Schuurman
Lisa Pater
George Rowaan
John Stegeman
Glenn Stelpstra
Eleanor Vaandering (Calvin)
Herbert VanderBeek
Mike VanDuyvenvoorde
Yvonne VanLeeuwen
Henry Van Olst
Teresa VanRaamsdonk
John VanPelt
Jane Van Starckenburg
Diane Vyn
Albert Wielinga
Jacqueline Wiersma
Heleen Wolfert
Harry Zekveld

Cook Inaugurated

In an inauguration ceremony held March 23rd, Mr. Hugh Cook, author and professor of English at Redeemer College was recognized as full professor. The focus of the ceremony was an academic address by Mr. Cook on the topic, " 'To find just the right word': faithful fiction", in which he explored the relationship between North American calvinism and the writing of fiction.

Mr. Cook, who earned a B.A. from Calvin College, an M.A. from Simon Fraser University, B.C. and an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa, recently published his first novel *The Homecoming Man*. Deborah Bunka, writer for *Arts Beat* magazine says, "*The Homecoming Man* is Cook's second publication (in book form) and his first attempt at a novel. This fact makes the depth and maturity of his story-telling abilities seem all the more remarkable".

In addition to the new novel, Cook has penned a collection of short stories entitled *Cracked Wheat* as well as 34 other short stories.

The inaugural ceremony for full professorship is based on a traditional European model of recognizing a faculty member's qualifications, expertise, scholarship and service to the community, and requires a minimum of 12 years of teaching experience. The practice is one which has been adopted by only a small number of North American universities.

The Personal Touch

Richard VanderVaart x84 wrote to tell us that he and his wife Carolyn were blessed with a baby boy, Adrian Theodore back in June '89. Richard is currently studying at Calvin Seminary. His address is 725 Hawthorne NE Apt. 2, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Harry Zantingh 86 graduated last May from Calvin Seminary. In September, the family moved to Taber, Alberta where Harry is pastor of a CRC. His address is Box 2136 Taber, AB T0K 2G0.

Mike Hoekstra 87 and wife Judi were blessed with a healthy baby boy Garrett Andrew weighing 4lbs. 7oz on February 21st. *Frank* reports mother and son are doing very well.

Ruth Ann Schuringa (Dykstra) 89 married Calvin Seminary

student Erick last summer and will begin studying toward a Masters in Church Music this September at Calvin College.

Ross Taylor 88 is now working for Charitable Counselling Services of Canada, Inc., the fundraising firm working with the LIFT campaign. Congratulations Ross and best wishes as you pursue those million dollar gifts.

Help!!!

We've lost contact with several Alumni and need your assistance to find them. If you know their whereabouts, please drop us a line.

Sharon Berg
Sharon Buis
Marlene Deboer
Neville Denny
Helen Verkuyl

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